



AP/Dual Credit/On Ramps: What's the Difference? 2019-2020

	Advanced Placement (AP)	Dual Credit (DC)	OnRamps (Dual Enrollment)
Description	The AP Program allows students to take college-level courses and the related AP exam, to potentially earn college credit while still in high school	Dual Credit allows students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit by successfully completing El Paso Community College (EPCC) courses	Dual Enrollment (OnRamps) allows students to earn high school and potentially earn college credit through UT Austin while still in high school
College Credit	College credit is typically granted when students pass the AP examination with a score of 3 or higher. Individual colleges and universities, not the College Board nor the AP program, grant course credit and placement	College credit is awarded when the student passes the course. The individual colleges and universities determine if the credit is accepted as Texas Core Credit or elective credit	Students receive weighted high school credit when they successfully complete the course. Students also receive college credit if they pass the college portion of the course. This counts as Texas Core Credit at all Texas public universities and colleges
Teachers/Instructors	Courses are taught by high school teachers trained by The College Board	Taught by high school teachers who are accredited through EPCC	Taught by high school teachers trained by UT Austin professors
College/University Acceptance	Accepted throughout the nation. Usually requires a score of 3 or higher on AP exam. See individual college/university for their policy. Some may require higher than a score of 3 depending on the major.	May transfer to public colleges and universities in Texas, and many private institutions, as well as NMSU. Some colleges and universities may not accept. Some will accept as course while others may accept as an elective. Check with individual college for academic requirements.	Accepted at any public university in Texas. Accepted at most private universities. Check with individual college for academic requirements.
Location	AP courses are taught on the Irvin HS Campus in person	Dual credit courses are taught on the Irvin HS Campus in person	UT OnRamps Dual Enrollment courses are taught at Irvin HS through collaboration with an Irvin teacher and a UT professor
Eligibility	Open to any student. Students are expected to have the skills and knowledge from prior Pre-AP courses, and be motivated to work outside the school day on college level material	Students may qualify by taking the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) test, by having a STAAR EOC waiver or by meeting minimum SAT score requirements. The TSI test is offered free of charge at Irvin HS; students in grades 9-12 may request the TSI test. The SAT test is offered free of charge at Irvin HS the month of March for students registered in grade 11. Students are expected to be motivated to work outside the college classroom on college level material	Open to students who show high achievement in the regular classroom, and who wish to experience a college-level course and are motivated to work outside of the school day on college level material.



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Cost	AP courses are free. There is a \$94 fee to take the corresponding AP exam (per exam). The deadline to register for exams will be in November for 2019- 2020. Cost is absorbed by Irvin HS	Dual Credit courses vary in cost for the student under the current agreement with EPCC for the 2019-2020 school year. Cost is absorbed by Irvin HS/EPISD	UT OnRamps Dual Enrollment courses will cost \$149 per course (\$99 Free/Reduced lunch) with appropriation from the legislature. Without appropriation, the course would be \$249 per course and \$199 Free Reduced Lunch Cost is absorbed by Irvin HS/EPISD
Textbooks	Provided by the school	Provided by the school	Provided by the school
Impact on high school GPA	Weighted GPA-Tier 1 courses and carry the highest weight	Weighted GPA-Tier 1 courses and carry the highest weight	Weighted GPA-Tier 1 courses and carry the highest weight
Courses offered at Irvin High School	<p>Currently Offered</p> <p>AP Biology AP Calculus AB AP English AP Human Geography AP Seminar AP Spanish AP World History</p>	<p>Currently Offered</p> <p>DC College Transition (EDUC 1300) DC English 3 (ENGL 1301/1302) DC Pre-Calculus (MATH 1314/2412) DC State & Local Government (GOVT 2306) DC US Government (GOVT 2305)</p>	<p>Currently Offered</p> <p>UT OnRamps Chemistry UT OnRamps Earth and Space UT OnRamps English UT OnRamps Physics UT OnRamps Pre-Calculus UT OnRamps US History</p>